

NGAPLE



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Members of the California Army National Guard's 2/185th Armor Battalion from San Diego prepare for movement aboard a truck. Since arriving in Louisiana Saturday, the soldiers have secured a residential and business area in Orleans Parrish. (Photo by 69th Press Camp Headquarters)

History of the NGAPLE Program

- AB 547: Passed by Legislature in 2003.
- The National Guard Assumption Program of Loans for Education (NGAPLE) was enacted on September 11, 2003. However, no funds were included in the bill, therefore, no awards have been provided.
- AB 1801: Signed into law on June 30, 2006 authorizing 100 awards for the NGAPLE Program for the 2006 – 2007 award year.

Eligibility Criteria



- Applicant must enroll in an institution of higher education or a vocational diploma program
- Applicant must agree to enlist or reenlist in the National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia for 4 years

Eligibility Criteria Continued

- Student has received or been approved to receive a loan in order to meet the costs of obtaining an undergraduate degree, under one or more of the following designated programs
 - Federal Family Education Loan Program
 - Federal Direct Loan Program
 - Any loan program approved by the Commission

Nomination Process

- Nominations for this program will be conducted by the Office of the Adjutant General
 - Applicant must complete application and submit a Student Aid Report
 - Office of the Adjutant General will certify applicant has enlisted or reenlisted
 - Office of the Adjutant General may nominate one or more applicants (up to 100)

Award Process



- Commission
 - Continues to accept applications if maximum allocation of awards is not exhausted
 - Evaluates according to selection criteria and places in preference order
 - 100 New Participants for the 2006/2007 award year

Meetings Held

- 7/20/06: Met with CA Military Department to begin discussion on draft regulations
- 7/26/06: Sent draft regulations to legal for review to present to GAC
- 7/28/06: Mailed NG-APLE Stakeholders Meeting notice to all financial aid administrators and CA Military representatives
- 8/3 & 8/4, 2006: Presented draft regulations to GAC
- 8/8/2006: Hosted Stakeholders Meeting and received input from institutions and Military Department
- 8/9/06 – 8/11/06: Incorporated all recommendations from both the GAC members and Stakeholders

Legal Review of Proposed Draft Regs

- Legal has reviewed and made comments.
- Staff has revised the draft and incorporated legal's comments.
- Form 400 (Notice Publication/Regulations Submission) is being reviewed by legal for submission to OAL.
- Form 399 (Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement) being completed by Budget for Department of Finance review.
- 8/18/06: Contacted the CA Department of Military to verify any fiscal impact. No administrative costs this year, but could be if SB 2551 passes and more awards are added. Department of Military will submit a BCP if positions are needed for their administrative role.

Ed Code Discrepancies to Update Commissioners

- **Enrollment Requirement:** Due to inconsistencies in the law regarding enrollment, legal advised staff that regulations can be interpreted as either having enrollment requirements or not. The draft submitted to the Commissioners includes the enrollment requirement.
- **Eligible Loans:** The draft submitted to the Commissioners does not specify that only undergraduate loans will be assumed.

After Commission Approval

- Any changes need to be updated and sent to legal for final approval.
- To DOF for review and approval.
- Any DOF changes will have to be updated and back to legal for final review.
- Mail out to OAL for 10 day review.
- After 10 day review, if approved, out to public for 45 day public comment period.
- Any changes will have to be incorporated and responded to if not considering.
- If changes are made, send out for another 15 day comment period.
- If no changes are made, submit to Commission for adoption.
- Mail to OAL for final approval.

AB 2551

- Deletes enrollment requirement
- Deletes requirement to meet Cal Grant A need requirement
- Extends sunset to 2011
- Held in Appropriations Committee
- If bill passes:
 - Regulations will have to be amended or may have to begin the regulatory process again.